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Looking back over 2004, it has been a truly remarkable year at the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Washington DC Post! While many of our individual and sustaining members have been key players in supporting the country's historic efforts in national security, the Washington DC Post as an organization also made great strides to serve as a strategic partner for engineering support in these efforts. It's a major reason the Washington DC Post is one of the best Posts in the Society. Here are a few other reasons why the Washington DC Post is an excellent Post and one of the best professional associations in the Washington DC metropolitan area.

Best Programs in the Washington Area

Over 1,500 people attended Washington DC Post sponsored events in 2004! Attendees had the opportunity to network with their fellow colleagues and with new contacts from the private and public sectors, and hear speakers on subjects that included the Iraq Reconstruction Effort, BRAC 2005, New DIA project, Naval Academy's Hurricane Recovery, Construction Management at Hospital Corp. of America, USACE, U of MD, and GSA, NAVFAC, Fort Detrick's Biodefense Campus, Architect of the Capitol, CNI and others. Kudos to Dennis Biddick and his Programs committee members CDR Rob Tye, LCDR Brian Moore, Shea Delutis of Clark, and Paul Beckwith of Alpha, and to the Arrangements committee members Megan Hubbard of Syska Hennessy, Rosalie Kendall of Rolf Jensen, ENS Chris Casne and ENS Ben Waite, for the superb depth and breadth of programs - best in memory for the

Post according to many and arguably the best of any Washington DC area professional associations!

Providing Professional Development for Young Members

After over 100 people attended this past summer's highly successful seminar with the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) on Commissioning, the Washington DC Post is continuing to partner with CMAA and NAVFAC Washington to identify and provide education and training seminars that will bridge the gap between our members' college education and formal training - training that is otherwise often too costly in terms of dollars and time. Our goal is to have industry experts from our membership and CMAA provide short, practical seminars that are easily accessible to Young Members in terms of time and money. Join us for our next Seminar on Project Scheduling on Thursday, 27 January.

Scholarship Fund's Strategic Plan for Growth

Kudos is also due MAJ Mike McDonald, Julian Sabbatini of Jacobs, and Al O'Konski with URS for developing a 5-year strategic plan for growing our scholarship program to twelve (12), \$2,500 each, annual scholarships. This is a fantastic way the Post supports future engineers and architects attending college - where costs continue to grow more "stratospherically" than strategically! Kudos also to Mike Pavlides and the rest of the PBS&J team for putting on another great golf tournament that raised over \$9,000 for the Post's Scholarship Fund. And a special kudos to Murphy Tuomey of A. Morton Thomas for her tireless fundraising efforts throughout the year that have the Post right on track to meet our strategic goals for the scholarship fund.

James Peck, PE, CCM
President, Washington DC Post

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Help Take the Post to the Next Level

I had the good fortune to serve with a great Board this year that was filled with highly talented and motivated individuals. They also served as Committee Chairs for our various committees that accomplished much and surpassed expectations this past year. But we need more volunteers to help take us to the next level of mission performance. Many of our committees are only one or two deep, so we really can dramatically improve the Post's capability with a few more volunteers. Come join a great team and have fun while expanding your professional network!

A Great Team

In addition, I would like to thank all of the Board Members of our Post who have made this past year such a huge success. It has been a pleasure to work with all and I look forward to yet another year of excellent programs and events at the Washington DC Post.

A Special Thanks

As I write this, I am mindful that I am the only thing between you, our readers, and Anna Ross of Michael Baker Corp., a great Communications Director and editor of our newsletter. Anna has been an example of unparalleled devotion to SAME and to the Washington DC Post. One of my biggest challenges has been to keep up with Anna's enthusiasm and drive, as she lives her job title while relentlessly pressing forward on numerous initiatives at our Post (i.e., Web site redesign and realignment, Post By-Laws task force lead, etc.). So a concluding thanks to Anna for her support this past year.

James Peck, PE, CCM, President, Washington DC Post

October Program Highlights: Fort Detrick - Creating a National Biodefense Campus



On Thursday, 21 October 2004, the Washington DC Post held an excellent program on Fort Detrick. COL John Ball, Garrison Commander, Fort Detrick gave the presentation. 116 members and guests attended this program!

Located in Frederick County Maryland, Fort Detrick is a premier quad-services installation committed to excellence. As an Army Medical Installation, it is home to the United States Army Medical Research and

Material Command (USAMRMC), the National Cancer Institute (NCI-Frederick), Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center (AFMIC) and 36 other tenant organizations.

Primary missions include biomedical research and development, medical material management and global telecommunications. In addition, Fort Detrick supports cabinet level agencies including the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Fort Detrick is a strategic component in the future of biomedical research and is expanding the installation to accommodate their role as a leader in national bio-defense. Leading this mission is Army Colonel John E. Ball, Garrison Commander, Fort Detrick. During his presentation, Col. Ball discussed the current development and future plans for Fort Detrick. This was an excellent presentation that gave a thorough overview of Fort Detrick and its many capabilities and facilities.

Program attendees had the opportunity to participate in a very informative Q&A session at the completion of the program. In addition, James Peck, President of the Washington DC Post presented Col. Ball with the SAME Washington DC Post coin.

November Program Highlights: Commander Navy Installations (CNI)

On Thursday, 18 November 2004, Rear Admiral Christopher Weaver, Commander, Navy Installations and Director, Ashore Readiness Division (OPNAV-N46) gave a riveting presentation and provided an overview of Commander Navy Installations.



Over 100 members and guests attended this program.

Commander Navy Installations (CNI) was officially

created as an organization on 1 October 2003, reducing the number of claimants responsible for planning, programming, budgeting and executing resources from eight to one. Since 1997, the Navy has addressed improved shore installation effectiveness by regionalizing and reducing the number of installation management claimants first from 18 to 8.

The Navy initiative that has been a major driving focus has been the establishment of a single headquarters organization "to provide consistent, effective and efficient shore installation services and support to sustain and improve current and future fleet readiness and mission execution". Approximately \$9.7B of Navy's FY2003 Total Obligation Authority was allocated for Shore Infrastructure Management by CNI.

Many thanks to RADM Weaver for an excellent presentation and taking a few extra minutes to answer audience questions during a rigorous schedule. James Peck presented RADM Weaver with a Washington DC Post coin at the end of the program.

2004 Holiday Party and Program

The SAME Washington DC Post Annual Holiday Party and Program was a huge success! 132 people attended the event on 14 December 2004, at the Army Navy Country Club. The atmosphere was very festive, with great food and drinks. In addition, there were excellent door prizes, a great raffle and party bags for each attendee. Nine (9) Food and Beverage companies sponsored the event, raising a total of \$900 for the SAME Washington DC Post Scholarship Fund and the Scholarship raffle garnered an additional \$250 for our Scholarship Fund. In addition to the Holiday Party, the Washington DC Post also held a program on the same evening, with Scott Birkhead, Director of Engineering and Construction, Architect of the Capitol giving an excellent presentation.



Many thanks to all our Sponsors for their generous contributions and gift donations for this event. The event could not have been possible without the incredible dedication and organization of many Washington DC Post volunteers. LCDR Brian Moore was instrumental in organizing all logistics at the Army Navy Country Club, and also many thanks to James Peck, Rosalie Kendall, Anna Ross, Jennifer Norton, Shea Delutis, and Lesley Arnott. The event proved to be such a huge success that the Post will consider hosting a Holiday Scholarship Gala in 2005. Don't miss it!

Thank you to our generous sponsors

Food



Beverage



Party Favorites

Colonel Tony Maida
U.S. Air Force



Baker

ChallengeUs.



Door Prizes



Raffle



Invitations & Sponsor Sign





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PROGRAMS AND
READINESS

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TRAINING

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Washington DC Post News

REVISION TO POST BYLAWS

In an unprecedented initiative, the SAME Washington DC Post forged ahead with the rewrite of the Post Bylaws, in response to the SAME National Constitution and SAME National Bylaws realignment, the SAME Post new Bylaws template, and the SAME Strategic Plan initiatives.

The revised Washington DC Post Bylaws were approved by the Post's Board of Directors on 18 November 2004, and voted on by the general membership of the Post during the 14 December 2004 monthly program.

This newly revised document is the blueprint for operations at the Washington DC Post. In particular, the revised Bylaws document outlines a new Committee structure that will be implemented early in 2005.

The Washington DC Post Bylaws Task Force worked hard to conduct meetings to review and revise this document. After a number of intense sessions, the draft document was presented to the Post's Board of Directors for review and a vote. A unanimous vote by the Board of Directors moved the document to be voted on by the general membership on 14 December 2004.

The final document has been submitted to SAME HQ, a copy sent to the SAME Middle Atlantic Regional Vice President, and posted to the SAME Washington DC Post Web site. Many thanks to all who participated in the rewrite of the SAME Washington DC Post Bylaws.

ANNUAL POST SURVEY REPORT

Results from the SAME Washington DC Post 2004 online survey are in and offer insight into member responses to survey questions. This is the first time the SAME Washington DC Post has conducted an online survey - with much success. Average response rate on print surveys in the past generated about 50 responses, while the online survey just completed generated 285 survey responses. That's a huge growth curve that we hope will continue on an annual basis.

The findings from the results of the survey have been published in the SAME Washington DC Post 2004 Survey Report, which is now available by going to our Post Web site at www.sameDCpost.org

The following individuals contributed questions and feedback to formulate the survey: Teresa Pohlman, Anna Ross, Dan Aide and James Peck. In addition, the Washington DC Post unanimously approved the Post's participation in an online service using a survey provider. The survey report was produced by Anna Ross.

This survey would not have been useful without your active participation. 285 people took a few minutes to take this survey. We are especially pleased that our members stationed overseas were able to participate in taking the survey. Your feedback is very important and we are glad to count you in our family of SAME members.

Thank you for your participation!

2005 WASHINGTON DC POST OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

OFFICERS (2005)

President	Col. Anthony Maida II
1st Vice President	Mike Pavlides
2nd Vice President	LTC Larry Schorr
Treasurer	Carol Mowder
Assistant Treasurer	Tom Crone
Secretary	Susan Boyd Merrigan
Past Post President	James Peck

DIRECTORS (2005-2006)

Lauren Myers
Murphy Tuomey
Marsha Walden
Al O'Konski
Julian Sabbatini
Steve TerMaath

DIRECTORS (2004-2005 Continuing)

Mike McDonald
Mike Crickenerger
Anna Ross
Tracy Allen
Dan Aide
Teresa Pohlman

The SAME Washington DC Post Board of Directors reviewed new Officer and Director positions and accepted nominations for those positions that were vacant. After a proposed slate was put together the slate was sent out via list serve (group email), posted to the SAME Washington DC Post Web site and included in the newsletter announcing the date by which any recommendations would be considered and the date membership will vote on the proposed slate. The general membership unanimously voted in favor of the proposed slate on 14 December 2004 at the Washington DC Post monthly program. Join us on 27 January 2005 for the Installation Ceremony!

Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers and Directors



The SAME Washington DC Post will hold its Annual Awards Ceremony and the Installation of 2005 Officers and Directors on Thursday, 27 January 2005 from 1130 - 1330 at the Washington Navy Yard. Please join your fellow colleagues and SAME members in honoring our Award recipients who have contributed to the Washington DC Post and to our respective professions during the 2004 calendar year. In addition, James Peck, 2004 President of the Washington DC Post will give a "State of the Post" address during the program.

Innovative Construction Project Scheduling Seminar

Owners through the construction industry are struggling with schedule growth and project delays. Schedule growth results in unmet client expectations and increased costs for the owner, designer, construction manager, and builder. Delays result in disputes and even more costs, and when a project is out of control time-wise, it inevitably leads to poor quality.

Preparation and successful implementation of project schedules is crucial to controlling time. This seminar is for all members of the Project Team and will provide:

- Keys to Developing a Schedule that is Really Used!
- Tips on Incorporating Contract Changes and Developing Fragnets
- Keys to Mechanical / Electrical / Plumbing (MEP) Scheduling
- Lessons Learned from a Successful Design Build Project at Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Presenters:

Chris Payne, PE, CCM, PSP of McDonough Bolyard Peck (MBP). Headquartered in Fairfax, VA with branch offices in Raleigh, NC, Atlanta, GA and Columbia, MD, MBP is an ENR Top 100 Construction Manager providing program and project management services including scheduling services to a wide variety of clients and project types. Mr. Payne has extensive experience in providing consulting services and expert testimony on construction performance and delay analysis.

Larry Heim, Clark Design/Build LLC. Mr. Heim is the Project Executive for the design-builder comprised of Clark Construction Group of Bethesda, MD and LS3P of Charleston, SC on the turnkey \$60 million Combat Training Complex at Fort Jackson, SC. The project is planned to be completed in 748 days versus the originally planned 1100 days and was featured in "Design Build" magazine.

Harold von Fischer-Benzon, Draper & Associates. Headquartered in Atlanta, GA with offices in Birmingham, AL and Fort Lauderdale, FL, Draper & Associates is a consulting firm with expertise in program and project management. Mr. von Fischer-Benzon has extensive project management experience on Federal projects and served as scheduling consultant for the USACE Savannah District on the Combat Training Complex, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

REGISTRATION: Registration Forms are available by going to the SAME Washington DC Post Web site www.sameDCpost.org. Last day to register for these events is Monday, 24 January. Last day to cancel your reservation for these events is Tuesday, 25 January.

DATE: THURSDAY, 27 JANUARY

LOCATION: WASHINGTON NAVY YARD, Washington DC

(Driving directions, Metro access and Shuttle Bus information are posted to the Washington DC Post Web site)

COST: \$10 (program) / \$25 (seminar) Young Member / Military / Govt / Fully Retired (presently not employed)
\$40 (program) / \$40 (seminar) SAME Member (Are you a Washington DC Post member? Yes No)
\$50 (program) / \$50 (seminar) Non-Member

TIME: 1130 - 1200 Registration (for the Monthly Program)
1200 - 1330 Awards Ceremony and Installation of Officers and Directors Luncheon
1330 - 1400 Registration (for the Seminar)
1400 - 1600 Innovative Construction Project Scheduling Seminar

Note: THIS IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM. Please do not use this page as a Registration Form. Please visit the SAME Washington DC Post Web site at www.sameDCpost.org for the Registration Forms for these two programs.